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1. About 20 May 1950, the Custom House Control on one foreign ship entering Constanta harbor was very slack and lasted only one hour at arrival and 40 minutes at departure, instead of three to five hours as it did last February 1950. The inspectors accepted drinks and cigarettes and the control in the crew quarters was done hurriedly, the inspectors not even looking into every closet as they did last February. The crew had declared and put away all their belongings before the ship's arrival.

20. The Constanta harbor was very congested and most of the ships in port were Soviet. Ships arriving must anchor first and wait, as much as a day, for a berth at a pier. The warehouses are jammed with cargo awaiting loading on Soviet ships or railroad cars destined for the USSR. One foreign ship with a 350-ton cargo of wood pulp had to spend two and one-half days in order to discharge her cargo. Her ship's booms could not discharge her 7-ton heavy lift, so the Rumanians tried to unload her with their electric cranes of 3½ tons capacity. Because the operators of these cranes were inexperienced, this ship was moved to another pier where a 40-ton electric crane could unload her. (This 40-ton crane was out of order [redacted] Only ships not higher than 22 feet or 7 meters can be unloaded by this crane because it only has a rigid, horizontal arm or boom.

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3. The Brig MIRCEA, Rumanian Training Ship, was at her permanent berth at the former deratization pier where a seaplane hangar has been reinstalled, in which the MIRCEA's sails and gear are stored.

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4. Only eight crew members were allowed ashore daily. Every day at 6:00 p.m., passes for the crew were brought aboard and those issued passes went first to the Maritime station to turn in their passports which they picked up at the same place upon their return from leave at 10:00 p.m. As long as they remained in the port area, while ashore, they were escorted by a soldier. This procedure varies from last February since at that time they were followed and not escorted openly. The crew members going ashore were not searched and each could carry only one package of cigarettes, the package of which had to be open.

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